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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH MFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH UN AFFAIRS (SCHONANDER AND LOFGREN) QUESTION OF KOREA AT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN OSLO AUG 21-22 (REF B). BOTH OFFICIALS MADE POINT THAT FAILURE TO MENTION KOREA DID NOT RPT NOT MEAN THERE WERE MAJOR DIFFERENCES OVER ISSUE AMONG THE NORDIC COUNTRIES. RATHER, THEY ASSERTED, IT REFLECTED GENERAL FEELING THAT THERE WAS LITTLE NEW TO SAY ON THE QUESTION. ACCORDING TO LOFGREN, WHO ATTENDED MEETING, ALL THE NORDIC DELEGATES AGREED TO STRIVE TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION OVER ISSUE, ALTHOUGH THEY REALIZED THAT THIS IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. LOFGREN ADDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WOULD PROBABLY

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FOLLOW THEIR PATTERNS IN LAST YEAR'S VOTE IN THE UNGA ON

KOREA.

2. ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE GOS POSITION ON THE KOREAN ISSUE IN THE UNGA, BOTH INDICATED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY THE GOS WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION BUT DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER GOS WOULD VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION OR ABSTAIN AS IN LAST YEAR'S VOTING, INSISTING THAT IT IS "TOO EARLY" FOR A DECISION ON THIS POINT. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS WOULD PASS WHICH, AS THEY ACKNOWLEDGED, "WOULD NOT ADVANCE KOREAN ISSUE AND WOULD MAKE UNGA LOOK LUDICROUS."

3. WE ADVANCED ARGUMENTS AS TO WHY GOS SHOULD VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION, DRAWING ON REF A. HOWEVER, MFA OFFICIALS CONTINUED TO STRESS THAT FINAL DECISION ON THIS POINT HAD NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN MADE, NOTING THAT RESOLUTION STILL IN NEGOTIATING STATE AND COULD BE CHANGED BEFORE ACTUAL VOTE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE IT APPEARS THAT GOS WILL AGAIN SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA IN THE UNGA, WE DEEM IT LIKELY THAT THE GOS, MINDFUL OF ITS PROMISING TRADE PROSPECTS WITH NORTH KOREA AND ITS STANDING WITH THE NON-ALIGNED "PROGRESSIVE" COUNTRIES, WILL WAFFLE ON THE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION. STRAUZ-HUPE

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